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1. WE UNDERSTAND THAT AT LEAST ONE CORRESPONDENT HERE HAS INTERPRETED EBAN'S COMMENTS TO UN CORRESPONDENTS OCT 17 ABOUT UN PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS AS INDICATING CHANGE TO MORE FLEXIBLE ISRAELI POSITION ON THIS SUBJECT. ON LISTENING TO TAPE OF REMARKS, WE HAVE HEARD NOTHING TO BEAR OUT THIS INTERPRETATION.

2. FOLLOWING IS WHAT EBAN SAID ABOUT UN PEACEKEEPING IN ME: QUOTE SUPPOSING THAT ON THE 6TH OF OCTOBER THERE WERE INTERNATIONAL -- I SUPPOSE THAT MEANS UNITED NATIONS TROOPS SOMEWHERE AROUND THE SUEZ CANAL AND THE GOLAN -- IN MY JUDGMENT, THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN THERE FOR SOMETHING LIKE FIVE MINUTES AND THEY WOULD EITHER HAVE BEEN REMOVED OR BEEN ASKED TO BE REMOVED OR, IF A MIRACLE TOOK PLACE AND SOMEBODY HERE SAID WE REFUSE TO REMOVE THEM, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE EGYPTIANS AND THE SYRIANS WOULD HAVE THROWN THEM OUT.

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LOOKING BACK, INCIDENTALLY, ON THE 1967 CONTROVERSY,

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PERHAPS I OVERREACTED EMOTIONALLY TO U THANT'S PART IN THE REMOVAL OF THE TROOPS AND OTHER MINISTERS DID AS WELL, BECAUSE I THINK AS WE LOOK BACK ON WHAT HAPPENED, IT DIDN'T-- WHAT HE DID OR DIDN'T DO WAS NOT GOING TO HAVE THE SLIGHTEST INFLUENCE. IF HE HADN'T TAKEN THEM OUT OF SHARM-EL-SHEIKH, THE YUGOSLAVS AND THE INDIANS WERE VERY READY TO GO THERE ALMOST BEFORE YOU WERE ASKED TO LEAVE, BUT EVEN IF THEY HADN'T, THEY WOULD HAVE SIMPLY THROWN THEM OUT.

NOW, WHEN YOU MAKE THIS PROPOSAL, YOU MUST CARRY OUT THE EXERCISE OF IMAGINING, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT THE LAST CEASE FIRE OR THE PREVIOUS ARMISTICE HAD U.N. TROOPS -- THE PREVIOUS ARMISTICE IS NOT AN EXERCISE OF IMAGINATION. SO YOU HAVE TWO MODELS: YOU HAVE ONE OF EMPIRICAL EXPERIENCE IN 1967 IN WHICH THEY WERE INVOLVED AND IN 1973 IN WHICH ANYBODY WHO IMAGINES THEM THERE AT THIS THRUST WOULD HAVE TO KNOW THAT THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN OUT OF ACTION WITHIN THE FIRST FIVE MINUTES. AND IF THE ANSWER IS, AND I HAVE SEEN THIS ON TELEVISION PROGRAMS, YES, BUT IF A WERE IN CHARGE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE U.N., THEY WOULDN'T HAVE GONE, THAT DOESN'T MEAN ANYTHING BECAUSE IF THEY HADN'T BEEN WILLING TO GO, THEN THE EGYPTIANS WOULD HAVE THROWN THEM OUT. UNQUOTE.
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